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FOR NEA ATHERTON AND DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

JERUSALEM FOR NEWLIN

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, IS, LE, US, PBOR
SUBJ: ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

REF: STATE 89597

1. UNDERSTAND FULLY ROY'S CONCERN ABOUT PROBLEM A
CONDITIONAL STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL WOULD POSE. HOWEVER,
WOULD LIKE SOME GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THAT WOULD BE
WORSE THAN NO STATEMENT AT ALL FOR NEXT FEW DAYS. AT
PRESENT, ISRAELIS ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF DIFFICULTIES
UN IS FACING IN ITS OWN DEPLOYMENTS AND ARE NOT PREPARED
TO LEAVE A VACUUM.

2. WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT I SAID TO WEIZMAN
A FEW DAYS AGO ON THIS SUBJECT ON THE BASIS OF THE
INSTRUCTION IN STATE 83526, PARA ONE. I WENT OVER WITH
HIM AT THAT TIME THE THOUGHTS FOR SUCH A STATEMENT
SUGGESTED IN THE FINAL "TIC" IN THAT PARAGRAPH. IF YOU
WILL EXAMINE THE EXAMPLE IN PARENTHESIS THEREIN, YOU
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WILL SEE THE KIND OF LINKAGE TO SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT
FOR UNIFIL WHICH I SUGGESTED COULD MEET THE PROBLEM.
IN MY DISCUSSION YESTERDAY WITH GUR AND WEIZMAN I MADE
A SIMILAR KIND OF ILLUSTRATIVE POINT. IT COULD WELL BE
THAT THEY WILL TRY TO MAKE THE CONDITIONALITY MORE
PRECISE, AND I WOULD TRY TO RESIST IT. BUT THE REALITY
OF THEIR DILEMMA HAS NOT YET TOTALLY PERMEATED THE TOP

THINKING OF THIS GOVERNMENT, AND I SEE LOTS OF TROUBLES
AHEAD.

3. INCIDENTALLY, IS ANYBODY ELSE BUT THE U.S. TALKING
TO THE ISRAELIS ABOUT THIS QUESTION? IF NOT, IT WOULD
BE VERY HELPFUL TO GET SOME OF THE OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS TO WEIGH IN, NOT JUST IN NEW YORK, BUT IN
JERUSALEM ON THE NEED FOR MUCH MORE RAPID MOVEMENT TO
COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AND THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF CONDITIONING
IT. I HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE ISRAELIS AT
LEAST BELIEVE THE UN OFFICIALS HERE ARE NOT AS ANXIOUS TO
SEE THEM PULL BACK REGARDLESS OF THE STATE OF THE UN'S
OWN DEPLOYMENT AS UN OFFICIALS MAY BE IN NEW YORK. THERE
ARE SOME VERY PRACTICAL REASONS WHY SIILASVUO MAY INDEED
NOT BE EAGER TO BE LEFT ALONE TO FACE THE MUSIC AT ITS
PRESENT STAGE OF DEPLOYMENT STRENGTH.

4. WILL DISCUSS THIS TOPIC FURTHER BY PHONE LATER TODAY.

5. INCIDENTALLY, WE CANNOT LOCATE ANY RECORD OF A GUR
CONVERSATION WITH VIETS CONCERNING NEUTRALIZATION OF
TYRE. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY FURTHER CLUES?
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